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WILLIAMSON FAMILY.

The first Williamsons in Virginia settled in Surrey, opposite Jamestown, naming the estate "Cobham Hall," after Cobham Hall, Kent, England, the seat of the English Williamsons, thence they spread over Virginia and North Carolina. Hugh Williamson, member of the Continental Congress of 1784, was the most distinguished of the North Carolina Williamsons.

John Williamson of Kent, England, married Rebecca Chamberlayne of New Kent, Va. (see *Hening's Statutes at Large*, Vol. 4, page 535); he was elected vestryman of Curl's church, Henrico county, Va., June 17, 1735, and remained vestryman until his death, 1757, and lived to see his grandson, Jno. Williamson, Jr., a vestryman in the same church. Jno. Williamson died 1757; his children were Thomas, John and Cuthbert.

THOMAS WILLIAMSON, 1ST.

Thomas Williamson, 1st, son of Jno. Williamson and Rebecca Chamberlayne, was born 1708; he lived on his plantation on the Brook Road, Henrico county, Va. At a vestry meeting for Henrico parish, held October 8, 1737, he offered to give land to build a new church on his plantation "The Brook." This was the origin of the present St. John's church, Richmond, Va. "Site changed from Williamsons to present site Richmond, 13 Oct., 1746." Thos. Williamson, 1st, married Judith Fleming.

JOHN WILLIAMSON, 2ND.

John Williamson, 2nd, son of Thos. Williamson, 1st, and Judith Fleming, was born in 1733. He was a vestryman in Henrico parish in 1754. He married Sarah Price, daughter of Jno. Price, of Henrico, and Mary White. Jno. Williamson, 2nd, died in 1806, leaving children: Thos. Williamson, 2nd, Jno. Price Williamson, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary Lancaster and Rebecca Bowles.

Will of Jno. Williamson (2nd), of the county of Henrico, made 20th March, 1806, proved 1st December, 1806, and 2nd February, 1807. "I lend to my beloved wife, Sarah Williamson, the tract of land whereon I now live, during her natural life, and at her death I wish the said land to be equally divided between my two sons, Thos. Williamson and Jno. Price Williamson, on their paying all my just debts." "I give unto my son, Thos. Williamson, five negroes, to-wit: Old James, Jean Cook, Bob, Eliza and Martha Ann to him and his heirs forever."

Thos. Williamson, Jno. Price Williamson and Maj. Wm. Price, Ex'ors.

THOMAS WILLIAMSON, 2D.

Thomas Williamson, 2d, son of John Williamson, 2d, and Sarah Price, was born in 1777. He was married in Richmond, May 20, 1800, to Elizabeth Galt, who died in 1807 leaving two children: 1st Gabriel Galt Wil-

liamson, born 1803, married Elizabeth Anne Gatewood, 3 June, 1834, at Norfolk, Va. He was of the U. S. Navy, and commanded the U. S. S. *Fulton*, which was lost in a gale in the gulf of Mexico. 2d, John Galt Williamson, M. D., born 1806, married Mary R. Dixon, of Richmond. He died a few days after the entrance of the Federal troops into Williamsburg, where he was practicing his profession.

Thomas Williamson, 2d, married 2d, Anne McC. McWalke, 13 July, 1809, at "The Ferry," Princess Anne county, Va. He was until his death cashier of the Virginia Bank, of Norfolk, and was Mayor of Norfolk in 1829. He died in 1846, leaving issue by his second wife Anne Walke:

1st. William Price Williamson, U. S. Navy, born 1810. He was Engineer in Chief of the U. S. and C. S. Navies and placed the machinery in the famous Confederate ram *Merrimac*. He married Penelope B. McDonald, of Edenton, N. C.

2d. Thomas Holmes Williamson, born 1813, married Louisa Henrietta Fenton Garnett. He was Lieutenant-Colonel of Virginia Engineers and Chief Engineer of the Army of Northern Va. 1861 at the battle of Manassas. He put up the batteries at Evansport on the Potomac, while a U. S. ship of war lay at anchor as a guard directly opposite the works at Evansport. He died a Professor of Engineers at Virginia Military Institute. Married second, Mrs. Julia Wharton.

3d. Henry Watson Williamson, born 1823, married Patty Green, daughter of Com. William Green, U. S. N. He was lieutenant in Virginia Regiment, Mexican War of 1846; Captain company T, in 6th Virginia; Lieutenant-Colonel Engineers at Craney Island; commanded 600 sharpshooters at Drewry's Bluff; Com. 1st regiment at Malvern Hill; wounded in hip Second Manassas; in right arm at the Wilderness; lost left hand at Spotsylvania Court House, and lost left arm at Crater. On Seaboard R. R. construction after the war and died Assistant Professor at Virginia Military Institute.

4th. Cornelius Calvert Williamson, born 1817, went to California in 1849 and never heard from.

5th. Ann Walke Williamson, married James Marsden Smith, a wealthy merchant of Norfolk.

6th. Sarah Lewis Williamson, married James Henderson, United States Navy.

7th. Elizabeth Walke Williamson, married Dr. Robert Baylor Tunstall, of Norfolk.

8th. Virginia Williamson, married John Saunders Taylor, United States Navy.

WILLIAMSON LINE.

John Williamson, 1st=Rebecca Chamberlayne.

Thomas Williamson, 1st=Judith Fleming.

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